

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING  
JUNE 6, 2007 ..... 9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman J. Matthew Rivers, Vice-Chair Lenora V. Powe, Council Members: Gerald L. Miller, Kenneth A. Johnson, G. Franklin Plyler, Anne Brumley, Bruce E. Rivers, Robert G. Cole, Crawford Moore, and Administrator J. Ronald Thurman. Also attending the meeting were Joy Young, Harry Sherwood, and Bob Cline. There were others attending the meeting who did not sign the sign-in sheet.

**CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER**

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers welcomed everyone and Council Member Crawford Moore asked Administrator J. Ronald Thurman to open the meeting with prayer.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers requested an amendment to the agenda to add 7 (b) Joy Young under appointments, 10 (k) 06-07 Budget Amendment 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, 11 (c) No Fishing from Bridge sign request by Council Member Johnson, and 14 (c) pass-thru grant request from Sandhills Medical Foundation. Council Member Johnson made a motion to adopt the agenda with approved amendments. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

(a) Chesterfield High School

Samantha Radkin, under the leadership of Head Coach Lisa Smith and assistant Coach Jackie Hammonds, has won her 4<sup>th</sup> State Title in the Pole Vault. Samantha Radkin was not present at meeting and Chairman J. Matthew Rivers requested a letter of recognition be sent to Chesterfield High School.

(b) Cheraw High School

(1) The Cheraw High Golf Team, under the leadership of Head Coach Chris Smith, has won the State AA Title. Members of the team include: McCuem Elmore, Stephen Adeimy, Jordan Williamson, Andrew Lewis, John Weeks, Shelton Godwin, Nathan Jewart and Kaleb Keese. A few members of the Cheraw High Golf Team were present Chairman J. Matthew Rivers stated that the County was proud of their accomplishments and a letter of recognition would be sent to the Cheraw High School.

(2) Cliff Matthew, under the leadership of Head coach Ben McQueen, has won the State AA Title for Shot Put. Cliff Matthews was not present and Chairman J. Matthew Rivers requested a letter of recognition be sent to Cheraw High School.

(3) Jaquon Pegues, under the leadership of Head Coach Ben McQueen, has won the State AA Title in the Pole Vault. Jaquon Pegues was not present and Chairman J. Matthew Rivers requested a letter of recognition be sent to Cheraw High School.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. May 2, 2007 Regular Meeting**

Council Member Powe made a motion to approve the May 2, 2007 regular meeting minutes. Council Member Brumley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS**

None

**APPOINTMENTS**

**a. Harry Sherwood, Health Quest**

Mr. Harry Sherwood, Executive Director of Health Quest appeared before Council to address what Health Quest does in Chesterfield County and request support. Council took it as information and stated they would discuss it in their Budget Meeting.

**b. Joy Young**

Ms. Young appeared before Council in regards to her plans to retire in Chesterfield County. She stated that the County offices were polite and friendly when she called with questions or concerns. Ms. Young also stressed her concerns about environmental green issues and items pertaining to animal control. She was advised to work with the administrator concerning these issues.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**a. Barbara Malloy, Fordsville Area**

Ms. Barbara Malloy, Fordsville Area appeared before Council requesting information and a follow in reference to the zoning issues. Ms. Malloy was instructed to meet with administrator after meeting.

**b. Bob Kline, Brocks Mill Fire Department**

Mr. Kline, Brocks Mill Fire Department appeared before Council regarding physicals that the county provides for the fire department. Mr. Kline stated that the physicals were not adequate in coverage and requested that the county provide physicals for the fire department that provide adequate coverage.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**a. 2005 National Electrical Code Public Hearing**

Council Member Johnson made a motion to open the public hearing. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. There were no oral comments from the public made at the meeting nor were any written comments received from the public.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**b. Pageland Airport Ordinance Public Hearing**

Council Member Miller made a motion to open the public hearing. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

There were no oral comments from the public made at the meeting nor were any written comments received from the public.

Council Member Miller made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**c. Alligator Rural Fire District Budget Public Hearing**

Council Member Plyler made a motion to open the public hearing. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. There were no oral comments from the public made at the meeting nor were any written comments received from the public.

Council Member Powe made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**d. Cash Rural Fire District Budget Public Hearing**

Council Member Powe made a motion to open the public hearing. Council Member Brumley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. There were no oral comments from the public made at the meeting nor were any written comments received from the public.

Council Member Powe made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**e. Cheraw Rural Fire District Contract Public Hearing**

Council Member Cole made a motion to open the public hearing. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. There were no oral comments from the public made at the meeting nor were any written comments received from the public.

Council Member Moore made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**f. Harris Creek Rural Fire District Budget Public Hearing**

Council Member Plyler made a motion to open the public hearing. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. There were no oral comments from the public made at the meeting nor were any written comments received from the public.

Council Member Moore made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**g. Wal-Mart Fee-In-Lieu Public Hearing**

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to open the public hearing. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. There were no oral comments from the public made at the meeting nor were any written comments received from the public.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Bruce E. Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**h. 2007/2008 County Operations Budget Public Hearing**

Council Member Plyler made a motion to open the public hearing. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. There were no oral comments from the public made at the meeting nor were any written comments received from the public.

Council Member Moore made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**a. 2005 National Electrical Code Ordinance - 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Powe made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**b. Pageland Airport Ordinance Amendment - 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Miller made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Council Member Brumley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**c. Alligator Rural Fire District Budget Ordinance - 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Plyler made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. .

**d. Cash Rural Fire District Budget Ordinance - 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Powe made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**e. Cheraw Rural Fire Contract – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Moore made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**f. Harris Creek Rural Fire District Budget Ordinance - 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Plyler made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**g. Economic Development Ordinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Moore made a motion to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**h. Land Use Plan Ordinance Amendment – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Plyler made a motion to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**i. Loader Lease Purchase Ordinance – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Council Member Miller made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**j. Santee Cooper Expansion Resolution**

Council Member Johnson made a motion to participate in the endorsement resolution for Santee Cooper to construct and operate a 600 mega-watt coal-fired generations unit in the Kinsburg area of Florence County. Council Member Brumley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**k. 2006/2007 Budget Amendment – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Council Member Brumley made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL**

**a. Park Creation Request, Council Member Robert G. Cole**

Council Member Cole requested that this item be placed on the agenda for consideration by Council. The request concerns the establishment of an approximately 3.5 acre park in the town limits of Cheraw. The request is for Chesterfield County to provide the equipment to clear the site and the inmate labor to assist in grounds improvement. This area is currently private property and some resolution would be necessary to allow the County to work on this site. It was also require the use of the County bulldozer, backhoe, motorgrader, and dump trucks. This request was sent to the road committee and the committee will bring back a recommendation for Council.

**b. Cheraw Rural Fire Service Advisory commission Support Resolution – Chairman J. Matthew Rivers**

Chairman Rivers requested that this item be placed on the agenda for consideration by council. The ordinance forms an advisory commission to review issues to fire service in the Cheraw Rural Fire Protection Area. This area was formed by the Town of Cheraw and Chesterfield County on September 2, 1987. in accordance with Section 2-40 of this ordinance, Chesterfield County would be represented by 2 (two) individuals appointed by Chesterfield County Council. The three remaining members will consist of the Fire Chief of Cheraw Fire Department and two members appointed by the Mayor and Town Council. The Town is requested that the County endorse and adopt this ordinance.

Council Member Cole made a motion to adopt the ordinance by resolution. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**c. No Fishing From Bridge – Council Member Johnson**

Council Member Johnson made a motion that a No Fishing From Bridge Sign be Posted on Woodward Mill Bridge Road. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF**

**a. Courthouse Renovation and Expansion Update – Administrator Thurman**

The work on the Family Courtroom addition is progressing. The Family Court Judge has inspected and is well pleased. It is Administrator Thurman understands that the

Family Courtroom should be finished in approximately a month. The Clerk of Court's ceiling in the vault is being repaired. The central Magistrate office in Chesterfield is now completed.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a. Pee Dee Workforce Investment Board Appointment**

Ms. Vickie P. Tyner, Workforce Development Director, has brought to our attention that the term of Ms. Mary Beth Smith will expire on July 1, 2007. Ms. Smith has expressed her desire to be re-appointed to serve an additional three-year term on this Board. Since this is a Council appointment, it is requested that at this time Council re-appoint Ms. Smith or advise staff of a new appointment to serve in the term position.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to re-appoint Ms. Smith for an additional three-year term. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

#### **b. Alligator Rural Water Pass Through Request**

Mr. Harvey L. Griggs of Alligator Rural Water is requesting that Chesterfield County act as the pass-through agent for a commitment of \$400,000 in State grant funding for Alligator Rural Water. This grant can only be administered through a County Government source and will be used in conjunction with approximately nine million provided by Rural Development to fund the construction of a waste treatment plant in alligator Water's service area.

Council Member Plyler made a motion for Chesterfield County to act as the pass-through agent for funding for Alligator Rural Water. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

#### **c. Sandhills Medical Foundation – Council Member Plyler**

Sandhill Medical Foundation is requesting that Chesterfield County act as a pass-through agent. Council Member Plyler made a motion to grant request for Chesterfield County to act as a pass-through agent and to give a letter of support to Sandhill Medical Foundation. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Lenora V. Powe**

Rural Development Funding, Workshop Comments, Flowers outside multi-purpose building, and Agri-business funding.

#### **Franklin Plyler**

None

#### **Crawford Moore**

None

**Robert G. Cole**

None

**Bruce E. Rivers**

None

**Kenneth Al Johnson**

None

**Anne Brumley**

None

**Chairman J. Matthew Rivers**

None

**Gerald Miller**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers recommended Council enter into Executive Session in accordance with S.C. Law, Section 30-4-70 of the S.C. Code of Laws, to discuss issues pertaining to personnel matters and future contractual matters regarding to economic development.

Council Member Moore made a motion to enter Executive Session. Council Member Brumley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Council Member Johnson made a motion to exit Executive Session. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers reported Council is back in regular session. No motions were made and no action was taken in Executive Session.

**2007-2008 Budget Update – Finance Committee**

**a. 07/08 Budget Ordinance 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

The Finance Committee and the Administrator will update Council on the current status of the proposed 2007-2008 Budget for General Fund. Currently the budget stands balanced with a proposed 2.5 millage increase, as allowed by the State imposed millage limitation cap, to cover a 3.2 percent cost of living increase for the employees and to make the first payment on a loader for public works.

Council Member Moore made a motion to increase the salary of the Treasurer by \$10,000. Council Member Brumley seconded the motion. Voting against the motion were Council Members Plyler, Bruce E. Rivers, and Johnson. The motion passed.

Council Member Moore made a motion to provide a staff assistant for the public defender at the amount of \$26,000 a year. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting against the motion were Council Members Johnson and Plyler. The motion passed.

Council Member Brumley made a motion to grant the part-time clerk for the Auditor's office at the amount of \$15,000 a year. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting against the motion were Council Members Johnson and Plyler. The motion passed.

Council Member Moore made a motion to increase the Economic Development Director's salary by \$10,000. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting against the motion were Council Members Bruce E. Rivers, Johnson, and Plyler. The motion passed.

Council Member Moore made a motion to give public notice that a road fee increase from \$20 to \$26 is anticipated and will be considered by Council on June 27, 2007. Council Member Brumley seconded the motion. Voting against the motion were Council Members Johnson and Bruce E. Rivers. The motion passed.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to go forward with plans for Administration Building and submit for bids. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting against the motion was Council Members Moore, Cole Brumley, Powe and J. Matthew Rivers. The motion failed.

**b. Wal-Mart Fee-In-Lieu Ordinance 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the Wal-Mart Fee-In-Lieu Ordinance Amendment. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**ADJOURN**

Council Member Powe made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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J. MATTHEW RIVERS, CHAIRMAN

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MICHELLE SELLERS  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DATE:\_\_\_\_\_